GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Per Capita Expenditure on Health
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the per capita expenditure on health by the Government in the country;

(b) whether the per capita expenditure on health in the country is much lower as compared to the developed countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide affordable healthcare facilities to the people of the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As per World Health Organization (WHO), Per capita Government health expenditure in India was US$ 23 in 2014.
(b) & (c): A statement showing Per capita Government health expenditure in India vis-Ã -vis some select developed countries is annexed.
(d): In order to provide affordable health care services to the people of the country, especially the poor, the Government has taken several steps which inter-alia include:
â€¢ Increase in public spending on healthcare by Centre and States.
â€¢ Implementation of National Health Mission Free Drugs and Free Diagnostic initiative to provide essential drugs and diagnostics free of cost in public health facilities.
â€¢ Implementation of Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakaram (RKSK) and implementation of programmes of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) etc. where free treatment is provided to patients of Tuberculosis(TB), HIV, Vector borne diseases etc.
â€¢ Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme for free dialysis services to the poor in district hospitals.
â€¢ Universal screening for communicable and non-communicable diseases and their management has been initiated in pilot districts.
â€¢ Making available tertiary health care services in the public sector through strengthening of hospitals, establishment of AIIMS institutions in the States and up-gradation of existing Government medical colleges across the country.
â€¢ Making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, under 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme', in collaboration with the State Governments.
â€¢ Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) which provides for smart card based cashless health insurance on family floater basis.